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Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the Title on page 1 and replace it with the following amended Title:

--Use of Endophytic Fungi to Treat Plants--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, and replace it with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention relates to the use of endophytic ~~bacteria~~ fungi, particularly *Curvularia* species, to treat plants, including both monocots and dicots. The treatment results in the host plant acquiring stress tolerance, in particular to either drought or thermal tolerance. --